

Despite some common questions of law that apply, the claims do not share enough common questions of fact to justify consolidation of the cases. The 2017 case focuses on events that transpired during two discrete time periods—June 8, 2015, and July 4-6, 2017. The 2018 case arises from events that began on June 28, 2016 and continued thereafter. Given the different time periods, the claims involve different facts.

Moreover, both cases have progressed at different paces. In the 2017 case, Defendant recently moved for summary judgment on the merits. In the 2018 case, Defendant has not yet answered the Amended Complaint, and no scheduling and discovery order has been entered. While the 2017 case is entering its late stages, the 2018 case remains in its infancy.

In light of these considerations, the Court declines to consolidate the cases at this time because doing so would not promote judicial efficiency. Plaintiff's Motions to Consolidate Cases (Doc. 85, 2017 case; Doc. 32, 2018 case) are **DENIED**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: 9/21/2020

s/J. Phil Gilbert
J. PHIL GILBERT
United States District Judge